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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

SHAMEONYOU

I am writing this in regards to a recent letter to the editor (*published Jan. 8 in the* Lake Wylie Pilot) from Andy Bolin of Eagle Scout Troop 333.

He was writing about a recent project the Eagle Scouts had with collecting food for Clover Area Assistance Center. He was quite upset about the lack of donations received from the communities he had sent flyers to. He took the residents to task for not contributing to this cause and hoped a "better reflection of our community in the coming years." He praised River Hills residents for "really stepping up."

I am a resident of one of the communities and I want to say, "Shame on you, Mr. Bolin."

What are you teaching your Scouts? Many of my neighbors are good people. My husband recently had a serious health issue, and they rallied around us. They gave of themselves in many ways. I appreciate everything they did.

You see only that they did not give to your cause, so you are labeling them as uncaring and selfish people. I know for a fact many of them give to many charities, schools and church drives.

Instead of criticizing people because they live in "large houses," you should get to know them. We give to many charities throughout the year. I also buy from the students when they come around to help their schools with candy and gift wrap drives. I have purchased many grocery bags throughout the holidays to help the needy. Yet you do not feel I care enough, because I did not give to your drive.

I believe you are the one who does not know the meaning of caring. In these hard economic times, I would be glad for anything I received, not arrogant enough to criticize my neighbor, because I did not feel they gave enough.

You should be teaching your Scouts not to judge people by what you see, but to get to know them and find out why they do what they do. I also want to say, I would not put food in a bag and leave it by my mailbox. You need to re-think your project for next year. I am sure you will see a larger donation in these communities that are not guarded 24 hours.

Laura L. Lillie Lake Wylie

WATERABSURD

I moved to Lake Wylie in January 2007 from New Orleans. I really enjoy living here, except for water service. Like many, I am retired and this bill is absurd.

What is the deal? Who do we complain to? What can be done?

Barbara Schoen Lake Wylie

EDITOR'S NOTE: Battles over water rates in the Lake Wylie area have been waged many times, most recently in September when residents of Olympic Acres off Paraham Road in York opposed a proposed 67 percent increase. We recommend visiting www.lakewyliepilot.com for background stories and visit the S.C. Public Service Commission's Web site psc.sc.gov to file complaints and find out more information.